

PARKLETS

are temporary spaces in the public right-of-way dedicated for public use. It is an expansion of the existing sidewalk into the roadway, designed for the public to relax and enjoy the urban environment.



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Meeting City Goals

Living Well

Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life

One Minneapolis

Disparities are eliminated so all Minneapolis residents can participate and prosper

A Hub of Economic Activity and Innovation

Businesses - big and small - start, move, stay and grow here

Great Places

Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected

A City that works

City government runs well and connects to the community it serves



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2014 Pilot Program



An estimated 1300 visits to the 3 sites during the six week pilot



Site: 2007 Emerson Avenue N



Martin Patrick 3 & Transwestern at Colonial Warehouse



Spyhouse Coffee



212 3rd Avenue N

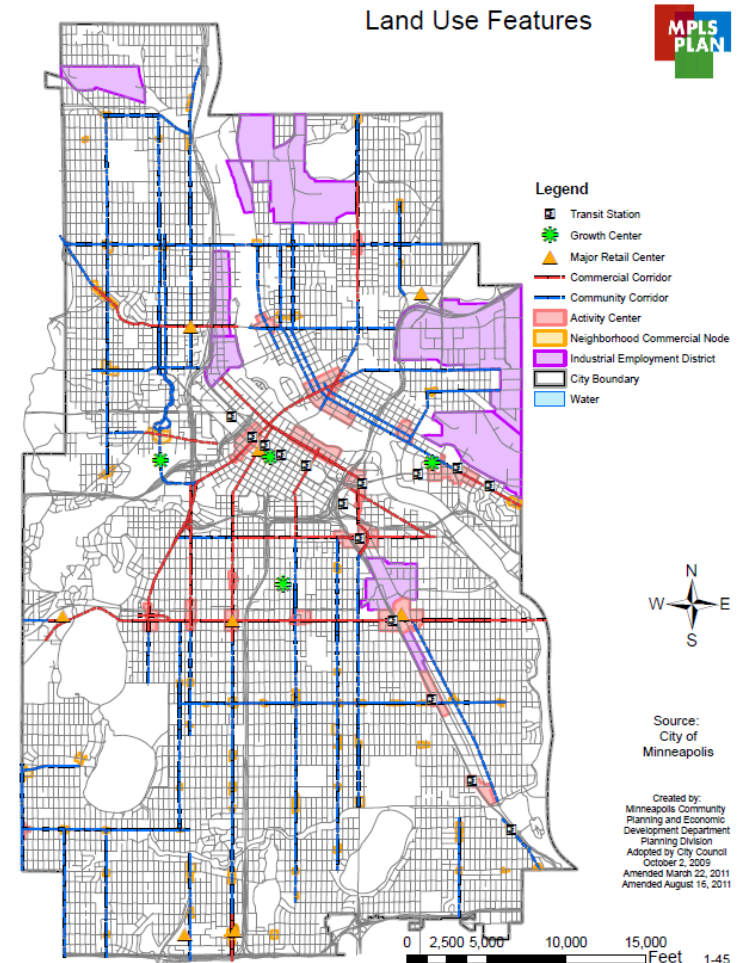


2451 Nicollet Avenue

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Application Manual

This program is a first step in a broader goal of the City to develop tools that enable the coordination of public and private entities toward the enhancement of the public realm and the public right of way.





ON STREETS WITH
TRAFFIC SPEEDS OF
30 MPH OR LESS

MUST BE IN AN
UNRESTRICTED
PARKING LANE

LOCATE IN A
COMMERCIAL
CORRIDOR

DO NOT BLOCK
PUBLIC UTILITIES

DOES NOT
IMPEDE EXISTING
DRAINAGE
PATTERNS

REQUIREMENTS

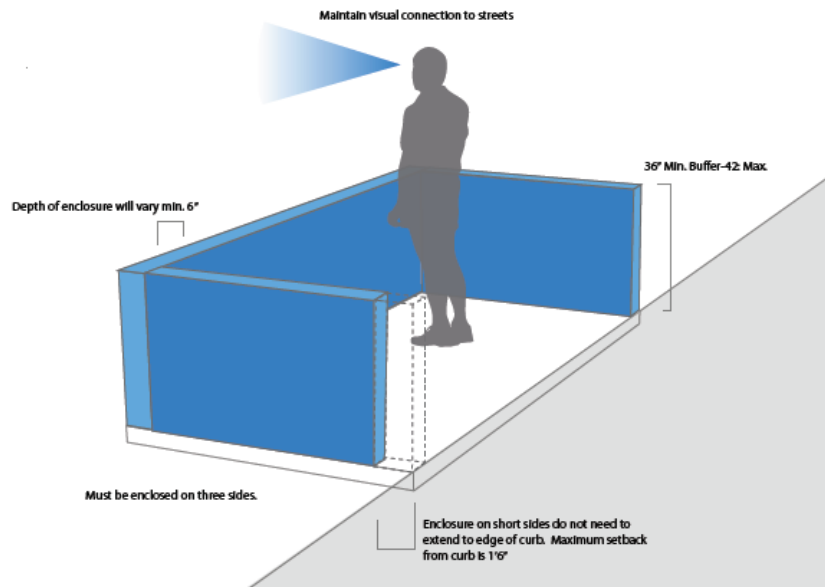
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ENCLOSURE

There are a few main features to consider when designing the enclosure. See diagram below.

The enclosure functions to differentiate the parklet edge. The purpose is to create a sense of space while functioning as a buffer between users of the parklet and traffic. The enclosure can be designed creatively with a range of materials while adhering to the basic guidelines below. Overhead elements will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with a minimum vertical clearance of 84".

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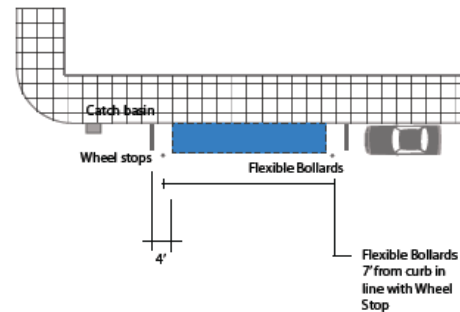


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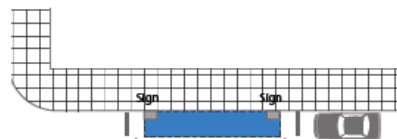
REQUIRED FEATURES

The City will provide traffic control devices for each approved parklet location. The City requires each parklet to have two wheel stops and two flexible bollards at minimum.

Traffic Control Devices



Public Parklet Sign



Each parklet will also be required to have two Public Parklet Signs affixed to the parklet. Public Works staff will evaluate if additional signage is required.



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PLATFORM

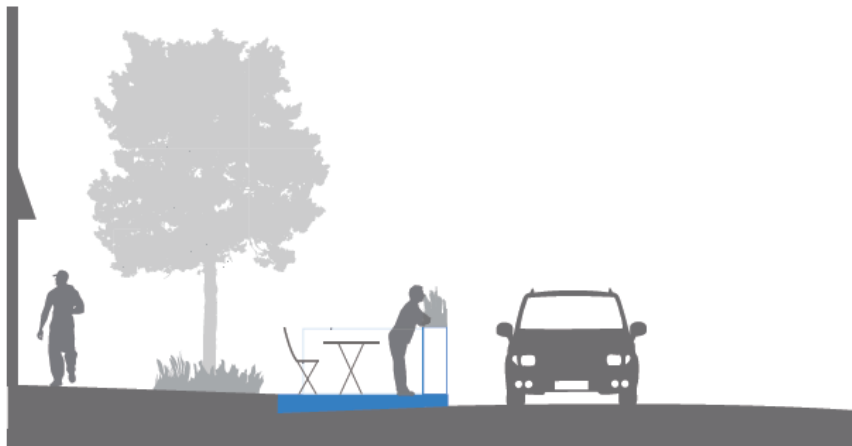
Parklets are an extension of the sidewalk. The Platform is the structural base for the parklet. It supports the weight of the amenities as well as providing the framework for the design. The City strongly encourages working with a design or construction professional to ensure the platform's durability.

The platform may be bolted into the roadway, with the submittal and approval of a restoration plan and bond.

The surface of the platform must be flush with the sidewalk. To comply with accessibility minimums the maximum gap between the curb and parklet can be no larger than one-half inch.

The platform must meet intended use.

The platform may not be bolted into the curb or gutter.



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AMENITIES- SEATING

Amenities are the features that create a sense of place in a parklet. These features range from seating, tables, umbrellas, planting, bike racks, to perhaps art. The integration of amenities in a parklet will make the space desirable.

The City requires each parklet include seating or benches. These features encourage gathering, rest and enjoyment of the public space. Seating can be movable or stationary.



Questions

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